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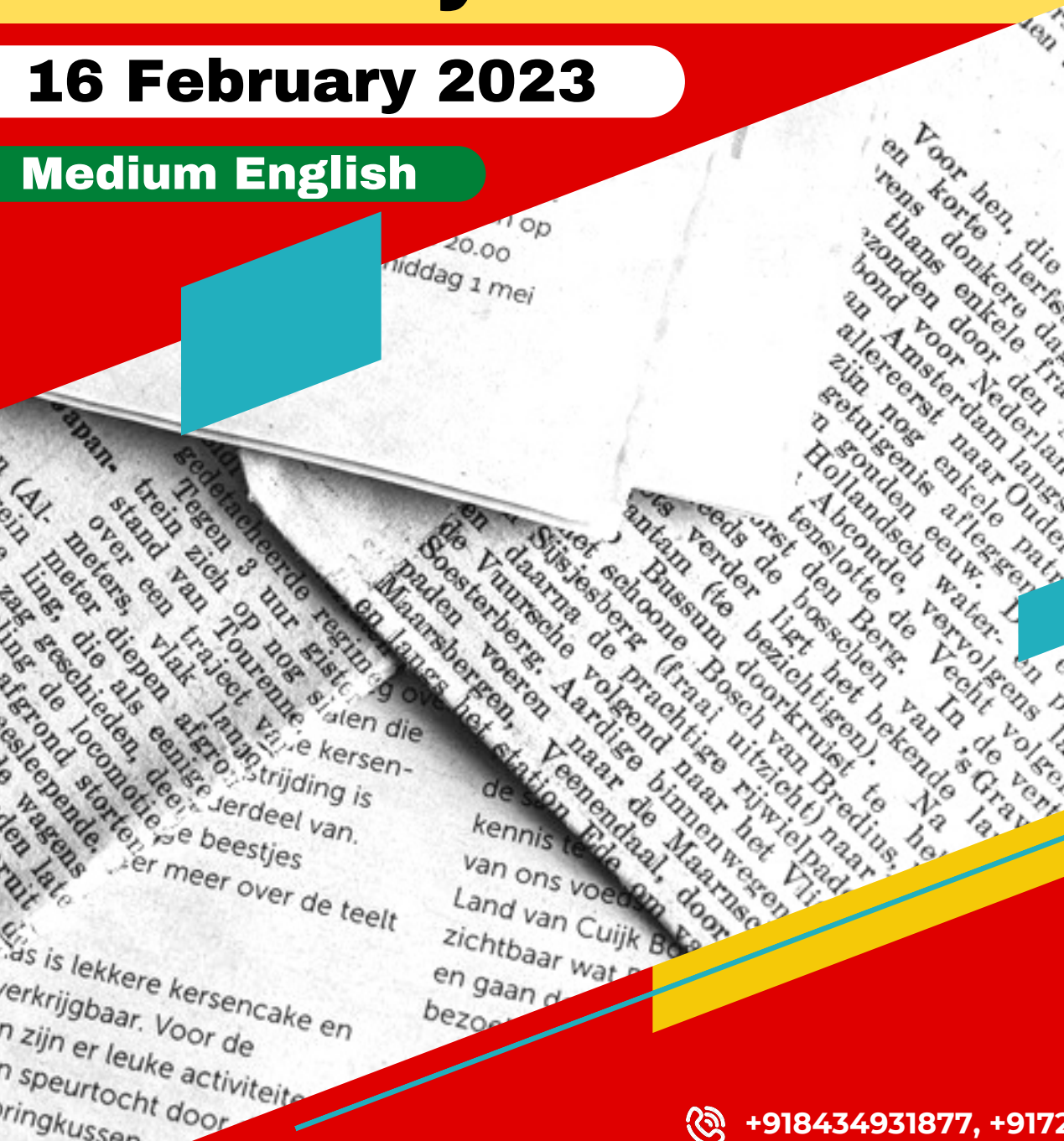
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THE HINDU 16-02-23 NATIONAL**➡ Indian Efforts on Indo-China border;-**

Eye on China, cabinet clears 7 ITBP battalion cabinet committee on securities cleared 7 New ITBP posts along Arunachal Pradesh Border. This will be done by secreting 9,400 personnel in ITBP. 4800 crore is allocated under vibrant village programme to stop migration in border areas.

Currently there are 176 ITBP out posts across Arunachal Pradesh along 3,488 km LAC 47 new border out posts and 12 staging camps are under construction.

A sector headquarter of ITBP in Arunachal Pradesh has also been announced.

ITBP – Indo-Tibetan Border Police ITBP protects Indo china border (LAC). It protects borders along Arunachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Laddakh.

Currently there are 88,000 ITBP personal, which after cabinet decision will increase to 97,000 on telephone.

➡ Uttrakhand Firms up Joshimath relief plan**• The story so far :-**

In January, 2023 cracks has been reported in several buildings, roads in Joshimath town of Uttrakhand After that NDRF cleared the town and started a demolition drive in which several buildings, commercial complexes were demolished. There was anxiety and anger over rehabilitation of those displaced.

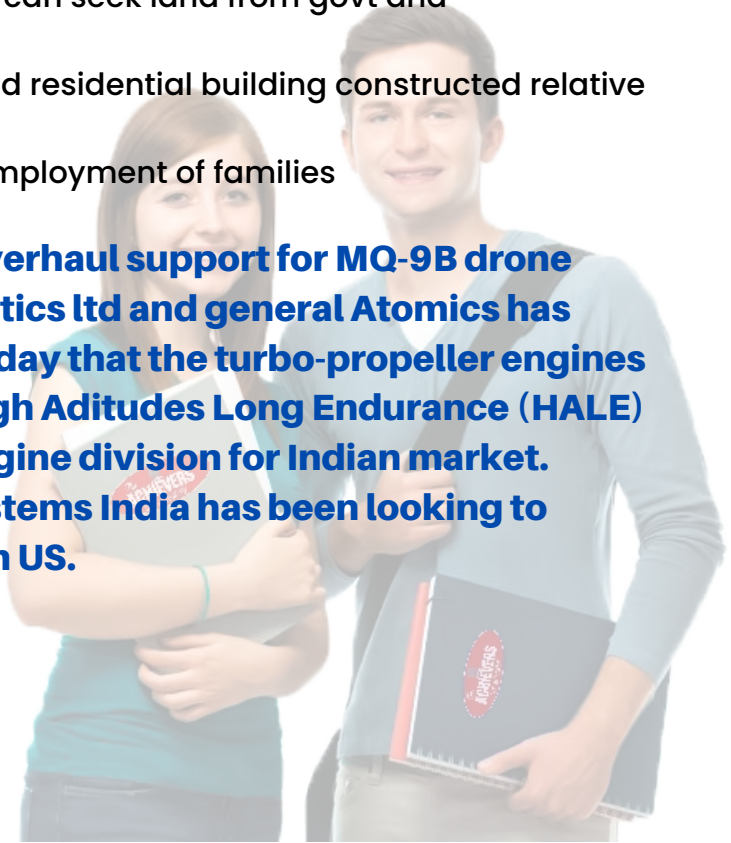
Recent development – The state government is offering 3 options for permanent rehabilitation of families affected based on cost and conditon.

OPTION-1 – Govt will give compensation to the affected.

OPTION-2 – The affected family or person can seek land from govt and compensation for demanged building.

OPTION 3 – A person or family can demand residential building constructed relative to his land building.

The govt has also chalked out plans for employment of families

➡ HAL to provide maintainance and overhaul support for MQ-9B drone engines in India. Hindustan Acronautics ltd and general Atomics has announced at aero India on Wednesday that the turbo-propeller engines that powered the MQ-9B Guardia High Aditudes Long Endurance (HALE) RPAS will be susported by HAL engine division for Indian market. RPAS - Remotely Piloted Aircraft systems India has been looking to purchase armed predator RPAS from US.

➔ **Indigenous carrier vikrant will be operationed by year-end :**

INS VIKRANT – India’s first indigenous aircraft carrier. It was commissioned to Navy last September.

Currently INS Vikrant is undergoing aviation trials, will was said by Naval Chief Admiral R. Hari kumar Aviation trial – Aircraft landing over INS Vikrant

➔ **Governor should not enter political Arena CJI.**

Maharashtra governor had said MVA (Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi) govt led by Uddhav Thakery “Opportunistic”. Regarding this CJI D.Y. Chandechud said that governor should not be saying these. They should not enter political area.

The court is hearing petitions following political crisis in Maharashtra, in which current CM Eknath Shinde had rebelled in MVA earlier this year.

➔ **I-T surveys BBC offices for second day**

O – I-T surveys on BBC office went for second day on Wednesday. Officers of IT are looking at transactions made by BBC.

Meanwhile congress has criticized such action. Party spokesperson Pawan Khera told “Demolishing the 4th pillar of democracy has now become a mundane thing in ‘New India’

➔ **Merchant dise export dip**

India’s export has gone down second time in a row in January. It dropped 6.6% to 32-91 billion. Though trade deficit narrowed to 17.75 billion because of dip in imports.

➔ **Tripura is going for election to day.**

THE HINDU 16-02-23 WORLD

➔ **China must take a haircut on its loans to poor countries says India’s G-20 sherpa.**

Amitabh Kant – India’s G20 shera on Wednesday said in Colombo that “China needs to come out openly and say what their debt is and how to settle it” he further added that “it can’t be that IMF takes a haircut and it goes to settle Chinese debt. How is that possible everybody has to take a haircut”

It is a rare, and direct reference to China by India while US is a vocal critic of Chinese debt. India has seldom commented on it. In the past India has been flustered over Chinese debt to developing countries.

The statement by G 20 shera holds significance as it is ahead of Haircut – it means that, it accepts less than what was due in a particular loan account e.g. a nation has to give back to China 10,000 cr but the nation is facing crisis.

Haircut

So china tells that it will okay with 7000 crore payment. Then it is 30% (10000 cr-7000 cr =3000 cr)

Virtual meeting on the global sovereign debt Round table, organized by the IMF, the world Bank and India to be held 17 February which will follow in person meeting on 25 February.

Chinese loan – China has loaned over 1 trillion (1000 billion) to about 150 developing countries. Including some Asian countries such as Pakistan, Srilanka, Maldives, Laos etc. few of these countries such as srilanka is facing economic crisis and are trapped in debt trap, where they have to lease their lands to chinse govt.

Loans was given under BRI (Belt and Road Initiative) a global infrastructure development initiative launched in 2013.

➔ **Scotland's leader stur jeon announces shock resignation**

Scotland's 1st Minister Nicola sturgeon announced on Wednesday his resignation after more than eight years leading its developed government

➔ **At least 73 migrants 'Presumed dead' after ship wreck off Libya: UN.**

A boat carrying more than 80 migrant who were going to Europe from Qasr-A-Akhyar near Tripoli drowned in Mediterranean sea only 7 survivors have been found 73 are thought to be dead.

➔ **China says U.S. balloons flew over Xinjiand, Tibet, warns of retaliation.**

SPORTS

➔ **ICC T 20 Women World Cup India vs West Indies**

➔ **Bengal vs Surashtra - Ranzi Trophy Final Today**

EDITORIAL

➔ **Brazen intimidation**

Actions such as the tax survey on BBC are meant to produce a chilling effect.

What the editorial is all about?

The editorial talks about recent IT- survey in BBC offices. It talks about the development which led to such action by central govt. it also talks about similar action by govt. in past years. Also it analyses how it is not good for media freedom and image of India overall



What are recent development ?

I-T (Income Tax) department is conducting survey' in BBC's Delhi and Mumbai offices. The survey went for 2nd day on Wednesday. Officials said that they are looking for charges related to "transfer pricing" and "diversion of profits" however the clear visible link with recent BBC documentary : India : the Modi question can not be ignored.

After release of documentary Information and Broadcasting ministry had blocked it at several media (IB) platform including youtube. Tweets linked with these were also removed. IB ministry used emergency power under the it rules 2021. And section 69 A, of it act, 2000.

What similar incidents have occurred in past?

CBI had raide NDTV in 2017.enforcemtn directorate (ED) had made searches on digital portal News Disk, it searches on Danik Bhaskar Group, both in 2021.

What these incidents show?

Freedom of press is core of a flourishing democracy, governemnt's approach to handle any body opposing it with fisted hand, doesn't go well with India's image as a flourighine democracy.

EDITORIAL 2

BEYOND LIMITS

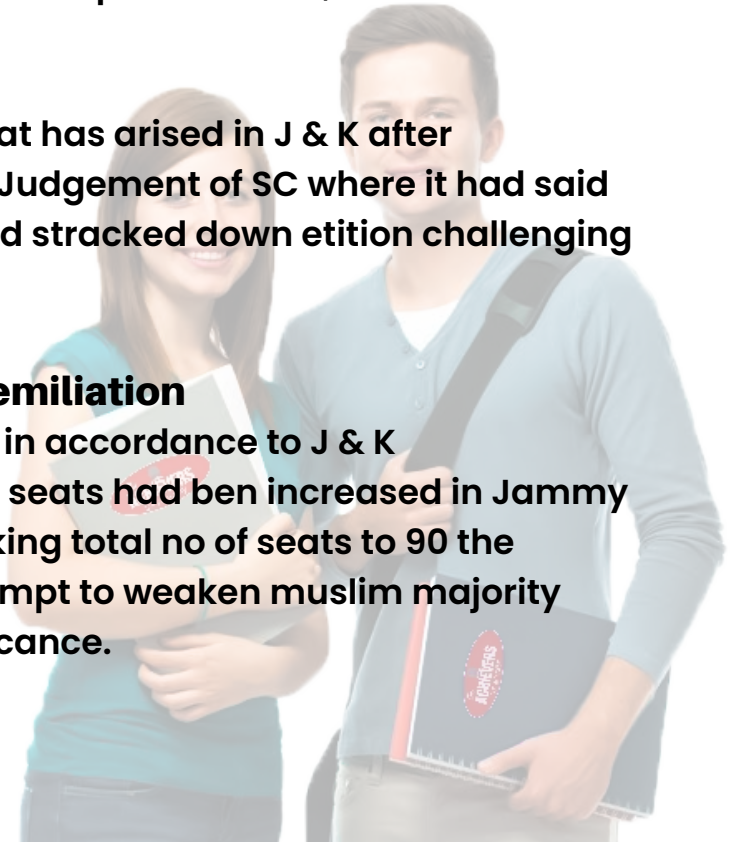
The real issues in J & K are statehood and special status, more than delimitation.

What the editorial talks about?

The editorial talks about the issues that has arised in J & K after delimitation. It also talk about recent Judgement of SC where it had said delimitation as constitutional, and had stracked down etition challenging it.

What is the issue with j &K after demiliation

Delimitation exercise was completed in accordance to J & K Reorganization act In delimitation Six seats had ben increased in Jammy region; and one in Kashmir region taking total no of seats to 90 the parties are saing the exercise an attempt to weaken muslim majority region's political and electoral significance.



The political parties against BJP in J & K consider this a drive to strip J & K from its status and privileges and repurpose politics to the advantage of ruling party. It is also seen as a person of making jammu political centre many question will only be answered once election takes place but currently it seems bit far.

What was the recent Judgment of SC ?

Delimitation throughout India has been frozen till 2026 a/c article 170. Petitioner was telling that delimitation exercise is unconstitutional because of this SC observed that J & K is a different case and it will be governed by its own reorganization law. In J & K reorganization act, 2019 delimitation is mentioned based on 2011 census. The court is right in Judging that however the bigger question is state hood and special status under 2019.

